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sight on his ~~th~~ voyage aloft. The at kotta said, "You have had trouble to-day, soon you will be dead" Kan, said, "No, it is you who have had trouble, soon you will die, you are old." at said, "Never mind about my gray hairs, you have hit me & I will die". At this juncture 2 of at's guardians appeared on the scene, but Kan was still scornful: he was a powerful man armed with an axe, while they were unarmed. He laughed. Soon, however, the other 2 al' guardians appeared & Kan shut up. at said, "You are now ① of mine, i.e. I make you a biscuit. & dragged, but said, "I have a chance on to-night, am en route to eat alhabzla now, I will finish my own business first & will then join your biscuit ranks." They agreed. Kan called 6 a'alk & told them what had happened. They were very soon Kan was their strongest man & their head boss. That night the a'alk musicent composed a mocking song, how the biscuits had fallen down so that their asses were up. Several biscuits heard & were grieved, they expected more trouble & had plenty as it was However Kan carried out his bargain & became a biscuit. Many a'alk were ②, i.e. they were lonely & cried at his departure, so many joined the ranks of the biscuits. The latter were pleased

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(1) ~~tat~~

(1) ~~t'at~~ thɛtɛsiq = the a'alk town, or

hùttɛl = the canyon town or ~~pusit~~ (3) town. Salmon River

(2) listmuq^{c}

Salmon River

(3) Before the time of the row between a'alk & Susuitc, each went to their own town

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they had prevailed over the sad trouble & persuaded him to go all to join their ranks. In the at hotta's song he told how he had met a strange being, i.e. the sunblinsta, but how their power had prevailed over him & brought him into the fold. After that time younger children were admitted to dances, & the trouble ceased. Before the white men, came a band of about 20 was made a business. In Kinskwit, if 2 men in the

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Kamsta, a white man at Bella Bella, soon after teaching in

adjoining towns wanted to potlatch on the same night, each man sent a strong man to represent him. These two met on the road & shook (2), whoever succeeded in moving the other went on to the latter's town & called the people. He had succeeded. The first time this was done was when Kins & the Alhotta wanted to potlatch on the same night & unsuccessful so all Salmon River people went

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(1) tai tshuox

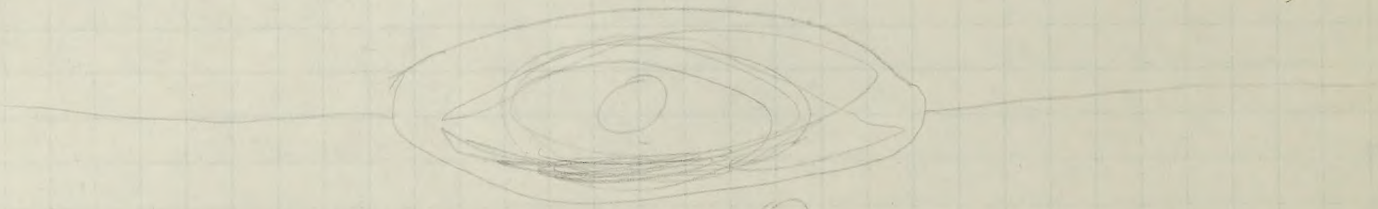
(2) ~~wsl kax~~ wsl kha

(3) tawkwul

like geese, in size, perhaps a shape smaller, with a litte red on the nose, light brown in colour, a blowing out

(4) skɛlkɛtɬɛw slug. Kwaux taught the people how to make them.

(5) sinutɛtɛ



a slug (4)

At 1 o'clk they were wanted to come to Ellis Harbour. Before leaving they started practising for the fight. 20 canoes were employed of 2 kinds, (2) & (3). These both differ from the present salt chuck canoes, (2) having a higher prow. (3) was seen by JP's Mrs Kukpi when a young man, its pattern now lost, (2) was seen by JP. 20 men were employed to hold a shirt open in the bow of each, protecting those behind, which both they & people on the beach threw stones. The mode of fight is (1), Get other times slings (4) were used, but not on this occasion. The first day, perhaps 6 fell down. Next day 6 were chosen to replace these & 6 canoes came on. It was a feat of strength to hold up the shirt for a lengthy period under the weight of stones. The boss of them was (5). For 2 days they prepared. Then set out at high tide, sending 1 canoes ahead the first night to warn the Skoat people, & to prepare them for a sneak fight. In such a fight it is the job of the attacker to warn the attacked, giving information about number of canoes, & number of men in each. The attacked also prepare, so that it is a straight fight. The Skoat people that night also sized out their strongest men & next day

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(1) ~~Xexeitla~~

exeitla (2)

(2) NOTE. 1 of these songs was in Satsq; another in Salmon River, if a war party set out it was sung on starting, & again on return if successful. Also sung over a dead slattmt.

the fight took place. It was a regular tournament. First 10 canoes on each side came together, each picking its opponent. If the horsemen fell down, those behind tried to fight on, but were underbitten of lack of shelter. If, however, they chose to flee, as one followed them, the winning canoe merely looking on. Many men would fall off a bow-man fell. The stones were thrown over the top of the ~~canoe~~ shield. (Smutt & Ct) used a war-song, in unison with his paddle, I remember this. The Nutt & I people triumphed, 18 of their canoes won & only 2 were defeated. This was the first fight it was at the same time as x x x in Lais

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1) musab's in taos

Note. During the dance season, a busut always went straight before him, with a fixed expression. No casual laughing allowed, such would break the power of the busut business, & the onlookers would lose faith.

Note. Sc.: a dog was locked out one night & in his sleep (obviously) he let it in. Anyway the beast was there next A.M. He was much worried, talked lengthily, & thought of killing it. Had it spoken in his language he would have done so, otherwise he would have died. Any peculiar action on part of an animal is a signal of death, only to be averted by killing the beast. ✓ P which worried when I told him.

~~patzalta~~ patz①alta of deer bone.

When Jim about 12 years old he was lazy. One morning he refused to get water. Previously his parents had told a Quiet man what they wanted, to scare the youngster. The man said, "I'll shake you". He got ①, a needle used in skin making, & stuck it up Jim's ass. He cried & struggled & the blood ran. All day he stayed in bed. When finished bleeding they got a Quiet man's canoe, cut chips in a ~~Quiet~~ Quiet man's canoe, & burnt them. The ashes were rubbed in his ass & he was told to be in future like the canoe, always on the move. Then improved him wonderfully.

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anukitz, q = ~~the act of whipping~~ whip
sp'ikum = the beaten boy.

As often as a F wants or feels like, he beats his son with a whip of (cem), 3 plaited bark. This will be started gently when a lad is 10 or so. Along about 15 the whipping becomes pretty strong, being administered 4 times with full strength. It is a point of honour for a lad not to cry out. This is always done first thing in the morning & then the lad is sent to do his washing. It makes him strong, respectful & with a chance of to obtain 'x t pivanladyit

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